

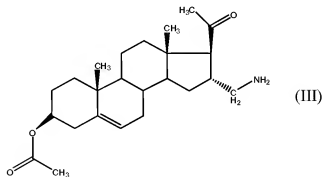
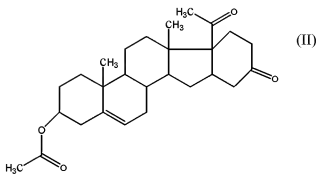
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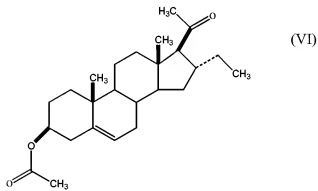
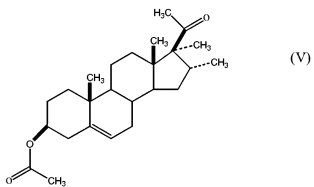
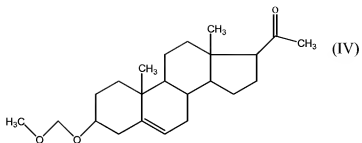
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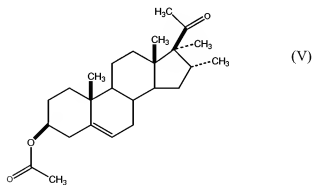
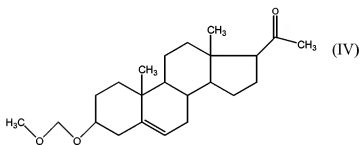
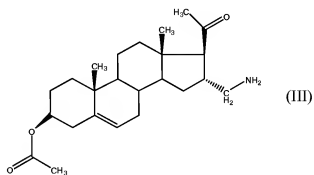
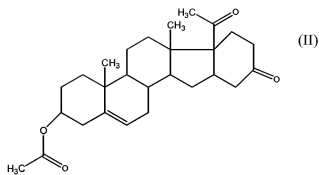
1-55. (Canceled)

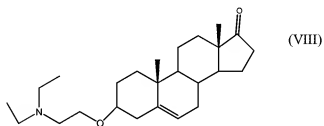
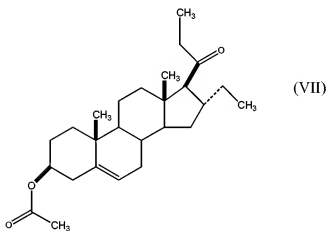
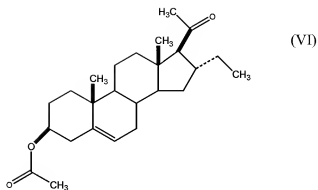
56. (Currently amended) A method of decreasing melanin content in a melanocyte, the method comprising contacting the melanocyte via topical administration with an effective amount of one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of:











and a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof, the pharmaceutically effective amount of the one or more compounds being sufficient to reduce skin pigmentation.

70-77. (Canceled)

78. (Currently amended) The method of claim 56, wherein the melanocyte is in the skin of a mammal having ~~a disease, disorder, or condition characterized by overproduction of melanin~~ hyperpigmentation or brown spots.

79. (Currently amended) The method of claim 69, wherein the skin is the skin of a mammal having ~~a disease, disorder, or condition characterized by overproduction of melanin hyperpigmentation or~~ brown spots.